AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following paragraph on page 11 after the "Brief Description of Drawings."

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Kindly amend the paragraph at page 11, line 14 of the specification as follows.

FIGURE 1A is a schematic diagram showing the amino acid sequence of M-RIP. The human M-RIP sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) is shown aligned with murine p116RIP3 (SEQ ID NO: 2). The amino acid sequence shared by both sequences is also shown (SEQ ID NO: 20).

Kindly insert the attached Sequence Listing at the end of the application.